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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Yguerabide *et al.*

Confirmation No. 5342

Application No.: 09/932,128

Group Art Unit: 1641

Filed: August 16, 2001

Examiner: YANG, NELSON C.

For: Analyte Assay Using Particulate Labels Attorney Docket No.: 11032-021

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 be extended for a period of five (5) months from November 3, 2003, up to and including April 3, 2004, which falls on a Saturday.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$ 1,005.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. No. 503013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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